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**OSCE TO MONITOR BORDER AREA BETWEEN AZERBAIJAN, ARMENIA**

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The OSCE is expected to monitor the border of Azerbaijan and Armenia Feb. 16, said Azerbaijans Defense Ministry Feb. 15.

The monitoring will be held under the mandate of the OSCE chairperson-in-office personal representative near Kokhanabi village of Azerbaijans Tovuz district.

On the Azerbaijani side, the monitoring will be held by field assistants of the OSCE chairperson-in-office personal representative Gennady Petrica and Peter Svedberg.

On the Armenian side, the monitoring will be carried out by field assistants of the OSCE chairperson-in-office personal representative Hristo Hristov and Jiri Aberle.

The conflict between the two South Caucasus countries began in 1988 when Armenia made territorial claims against Azerbaijan. As a result of the ensuing war, in 1992 Armenian armed forces occupied 20 percent of Azerbaijan, including the Nagorno-Karabakh region and seven surrounding districts. The 1994 ceasefire agreement was followed by peace negotiations. Armenia has not yet implemented four UN Security Council resolutions on withdrawal of its armed forces from the Nagorno-Karabakh and the surrounding districts.

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